

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please CANCEL claims 5-14 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A ~~Tear~~tear-off device for sections of a continuous material, comprising:

a pullout mechanism ~~for the~~to transport of the continuous material; and

~~a tear-off mechanism, which has~~having at least two pressure-applying elements comprising eccentric rollers and, ~~which are~~ disposed on opposite sides of the continuous material, and a positioning device ~~for~~ engaging at least one of said pressure-applying elements against the continuous material, the engagable pressure-applying elements ~~being~~ constructed as eccentric rollers and being adapted to be driven by a selected one of: individually and jointly.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The tear-off device of claim 1, wherein the engagable pressure-applying elements have internal eccentrics, which are adapted to be rotated and on which the pressure-applying rollers are mounted rotatably.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The tear-off device of claim 1, wherein the engagable, pressure-applying elements have cams, which are adapted to be engaged against the continuous material.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The tear-off device of claim 3, wherein, the cams have the shape of roller segments.

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